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David Spackman, Chief
Non-Profit Organizations/Public Charities Division
Office of Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley
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Joan Gorga, Director
Determination of Need Program
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Dear Mr. Spackman and Ms. Gorga:

I am writing on behalf of Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts (PPLM) regarding the proposed sale of Caritas Christi Health Care to Cerberus Capital Management. As you review this proposal, we urge you to first confirm that adequate protections are in place regarding the provision of sexual health information and services to Caritas patients going forward. The patients served by these hospitals should be able to access fundamental health care without facing obstacles.

Caritas Christi has repeatedly expressed their refusal over the years to provide fundamental sexual health and reproductive services, including shortly before their application to participate as a Commonwealth Care provider. PPLM has repeatedly expressed our concerns about their resistance to offering patients the full range of information about their options, and the gains that have been made on this front must not be allowed to lapse if this sale goes through.

The Caritas Christi chain is a key health services provider for many of the most vulnerable in Massachusetts. PPLM strongly supports efforts to increase access to affordable health care for all residents, but that access must include the availability of all health services, including those related to sexual health. It is essential that a constant eye be kept on this organization to make sure that women not face multiple hurdles to get basic health care. That means ensuring that patients will understand the limits of certain providers and will be informed of their options for obtaining sexual and reproductive health services, including

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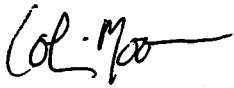
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efficient, in-network access to basic health care including a complete range of family planning services.

We urge you to secure these explicit commitments before approving this proposed sale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Col. Moore", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Colin Moore
Political and Government Relations Director